

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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STATUS REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the Court’s April 18, 2022, Order (Doc. 525), plaintiff Orange County Water District (“OCWD”) hereby submits a Joint Status Report concerning the present state of this action.

II. JOINT STATUS REPORT

In 2015, a subset of defendants were remanded to the Central District of California for further proceedings and trial with respect to sixteen focus sites. (*See* Doc. 4267 [Suggestion to Remand]; Doc. 463 [JPML Separation of Claims and Conditional Remand Order].) In 2017, before trial could commence, the dismissal of the Texaco/Shell and Arco/BP defendants was overturned by the Second Circuit, and these defendants were also remanded to the Central District of California for further proceedings and trial. (Doc. 4471 [Suggestion of Remand]; Doc. 538 [JPML Separation of Claims and Conditional Remand Order].) In early 2019, OCWD settled with each of these defendants before trial was completed. (Doc. 4572.)

As of January 2022, the only defendants remaining were Valero, Tesoro, Southern Counties, Citgo and USA Gasoline. On March 23, 2022, pursuant to stipulated agreements, OCWD dismissed its remaining claims against each of these remaining defendants. (Doc. 534.)

Since all defendants have now been dismissed from the action, it is OCWD's position that this action can be dismissed in its entirety. OCWD attaches as Exhibit 1 a [Proposed] Order of Dismissal for the Court's signature.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 3, 2022

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